whether the Centre proposes to fund the cost on additional recruitment;

if so, the details thereof; and

what is the status of Orissa State and how far will the Centre help the State on augmentation/modernization of its police force to tackle naxal menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir. While the 'Police' and 'law & order' are State subjects as per VII Schedule to the Constitution of India, the Central Government has been regularly urging the State Governments to augment the strength of their police forces.

(b) and (c) The Central Government supplements the efforts and resources of State Government (s) by various measures which include, deployment of Central Para Military Forces (CPMFs) sanctioning of India Reserve (1R) Battalions, reimbursement of security related expenditure under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme and assistance for providing training through Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) and Ministry of Defence.

(d) Out of an approved allocation of Rs. 26.53 crore during 2007-08 under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (MPF), an amount of Rs. 25.90 crore has been released upto 13.3.2008 to Government of Orissa to supplement its efforts in strengthening, *inter-alia,* mobility weaponry, police housing, special branches.

Pension to participants of Goa Liberation Movement Phase-II

2082. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

whether Freedom Fighters Pension had been granted to Participants of Goa Liberation Movement Phase-II (1954-55);

if so, the details thereof including number of application and number of applicants found eligible for same, State-wise, as on date, category-wise;

if so, whether above pension had been restricted to residents of certain States;

if so, the reasons for same and details of State in which it is granted and State which are not eligible for same; and

whether above pension will be granted to persons who had participated Goa Liberation Movement Phase-II (1954-55) and are residing in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIK RAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The requisite details are given in the enclosed Statement *(See* below).

(c) to (e) Goa Liberation Movement, which is one of the movements recognized for the purpose of pension, had three phases. The freedom fighters who participated in Phases-I and III of this Movement and who fulfilled the eligibility criteria prescribed under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme 1980, were granted pension. However, the freedom fighters who participated in Phase II of the Movement were left out, as they did not fulfill the conditions laid down under the Scheme. In view of the representations received from various quarters, the Government on 4.2.2003 decided to grant central pension to approximately 3500

participants of Phase II of Goa Liberation Movement (1954-55) from the States of Maharashtra Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Goa by relaxing the eligibility criteria of the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980. At the time of taking the above decision, information that some freedom fighters from Kerala had also participated in GLM Phase II and the State Government had granted them pension, was not available. Therefore, the benefit of pension could not be extended to such freedom fighters of Kerala.

Statement

Details of pensions granted to participants of Goa Liberation Movement Phase—II

Name of State	Number of applications received with verification reports of State Government	Number of cases in which pension has been sanctioned up to 29.2.2008	Number of cases closed/rejected	Cases under process as on 29.2.2008
Maharashtra	1537	1240	32	265
Goa	643	525	28	90
Haryana	8	8	0	0
Rajasthan	22	22	0	0
Uttar Pradesh	5	5	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	84	84	0	0
TOTAL	2299	1884	60	355

Losses due to floods in Andhra Pradesh

2083. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

whether it has come to the notice of his Ministry the losses incurred by the State of Andhra Pradesh due to floods and incessant rains in the State in August/September last year;

whether his Ministry is aware that the loss to standing crop is to the extent of Rs. 350 Crores;

if so, whether any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received in his Ministry for helping the State; and

if so, the details of request and action that has been taken for helping the State so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (d) As per the information received from the State Government, based on their preliminary assessment, 260 human lives were lost, 5.24 lakh ha. cropped area, 6,54,516 houses were damaged due to floods/incessant rains during 2007-08 (including August/September 2007) in the State.

The State of Andhra Pradesh has been allocated an amount of Rs. 379.35 crore in Calamity